



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters: Establishment

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Secretary announces establishment of the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters (NACCD). The Advisory Committee will provide advice and consultation to the HHS Secretary on pediatric medical disaster planning, preparedness, response, and recovery with respect to the medical and public health needs of children in relation to disasters. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) shall provide management and administrative oversight to support the activities of the Advisory Committee. The Office of the Secretary is accepting application submissions from qualified individuals who wish to be considered for membership on the NACCD. Up to 13 new voting members with expertise in pediatric medical disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery will be selected for the Committee. Please visit the NACCD Web site at [www.phe.gov/naccd](http://www.phe.gov/naccd) for all application submission information and instructions. Application submissions will be accepted for 30 calendar days from the date this posting is published in the **Federal Register**.

**APPLICATION PERIOD:** The application period is from midnight (Eastern Time) May 27<sup>th</sup>  
– June 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, the HHS Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, established the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters (NACCD). Section 2811A of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by Pandemic and All Hazard Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019 (42 U.S.C. § 300hh-10b) requires that the Secretary for Health and Human Services (HHS) establish the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters (NACCD) to provide advice and consultation to the HHS Secretary with respect to the medical and public health needs of children in relation to disasters. The purpose of the NACCD is to provide advice and consultation to the HHS Secretary with respect to the medical and public health needs of children in relation to disasters. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response provides management and administrative oversight to support the activities of the NACCD.

**DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** The NACCD: (1) Provides advice and consultation with respect to the activities addressing at-risk individuals carried out as applicable and appropriate (2) evaluates and provides input with respect to the medical and public health needs of children as they relate to preparation for, response to, and recovery from all-hazards emergencies; (3)

provides advice and consultation with respect to state emergency preparedness and response activities and children, including related drills and exercises pursuant to the preparedness goals under the National Health Security Strategy; and (4) provides advice and recommendations to the HHS Secretary with respect to children and the medical and public health grants and cooperative agreements implementing the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Hospital Preparedness Programs and other activities, as applicable to preparedness and response activities.

**STRUCTURE:** The Advisory Committee consists of not more than 13 voting members, including the Chairperson. Members will be appointed by the HHS Secretary, in consultation with such other Secretaries as may be appropriate, from among the nation's preeminent scientific, public health, and medical experts in areas consistent with the purpose and functions of the NACCD. Section 2811A (d) (2) of the Public Health Services (PHS) Act States:

(2) REQUIRED NON-FEDERAL MEMBERS.—The Secretary, in consultation with such other heads of Federal agencies as may be appropriate, shall appoint to the Advisory Committee under paragraph (1) at least 13 individuals, including—

(A) at least 2 non-Federal professionals with expertise in pediatric medical disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery;

(B) at least 2 representatives from State, local, Tribal, or territorial agencies with expertise in pediatric disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery;

(C) at least 4 members representing health care professionals, which may include members with expertise in pediatric emergency medicine; pediatric trauma, critical care, or surgery; the treatment of pediatric patients affected by chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear

agents, including emerging infectious diseases; pediatric mental or behavioral health related to children affected by a public health emergency; or pediatric primary care; and

(D) other members as the Secretary determines appropriate, of whom—

(i) at least one such member shall represent a

children's hospital;

(ii) at least one such member shall be an individual with expertise in schools or child care settings;

(iii) at least one such member shall be an individual with expertise in children and youth with special health care needs; and

(iv) at least one such member shall be an individual with expertise in the needs of parents or family caregivers, including the parents or caregivers of children with disabilities in the following categories: Non-federal health care professionals and representatives from state, local, territorial, or tribal agencies.

The NACCD shall also have up to 12 federal, non-voting members (*ex officio*), including the following officials or their designees:

A. The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response;

B. The Director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority;

C. The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

D. The Commissioner of Food and Drugs;

E. The Director of the National Institutes of Health;

F. The Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families;

G. The Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration;

H. The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

- I. The Administrator of the Administration for Community Living;
- J. The Secretary of Education;
- K. The Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use; and
- L. The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

A voting member of the NACCD shall serve for a term of three years, except that the Secretary may adjust the terms of appointees who are initially appointed after the date of enacted of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019 (June 24, 2019) in order to provide for a staggered term of appointment for all members. A voting member may serve not more than three terms on the NACCD, and not more than two of such terms may be served consecutively. Voting members shall not be full-time or permanent part-time federal employees but shall be appointed by the Secretary as Special Government Employees (5 U.S.C. § 3109). A member may serve after the expiration of his/her term until a successor has been appointed. Members whose term expires after this charter's renewal date will have a term length contingent upon renewal of the advisory committee. Vacancies will be filled as members rotate out or resign using the same procedures as the initial selection process.

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